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The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" He is not in the special division."

Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB :—" May I know whether he was convicted under section 124-A of the Penal Code ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether, when a magistrate refuses to place a man of position, status and education in a special division, the Government proposes to take action or leave the matter entirely to the mercy and sweet will and pleasure of the magistrate ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan NAYAR :—" Notice."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know if the hon. the Law Member remembers that, in the case of Mr. Narayana Menon, the hon. Mr. Krishnan Nayar, when he was in the Opposition, held the view that he should be properly treated ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That is a matter not within the special cognizance of the hon. Member."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I know whether Mr. Bulusu Sambamurti is placed in the special ward ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Notice."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I have been watching the hon. the Law Member answering our questions without getting up from his seat."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member will have to get up and answer."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" That is what I have been doing all this while, Sir."

Legislative Council

Elections to the next Legislative Council.

*384 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) when the next general elections to the Council will be held ; and

(b) whether the Government are contemplating a dissolution of the Council immediately after the Budget Session ?

A.—(a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the notification (Public Department) No. 209, dated 20th May 1929 published on page 1098 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 4th June 1929. The position is still as there stated.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I, with your permission, put my questions sitting, as I do not feel well ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member is permitted to sit and put his questions because of his illness. Such a practice is allowable."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know, apart from the intentions of the Government of India and the Secretary of State, if this Government has any intention to dissolve this Council or recommend its dissolution immediately after the budget session next year ?"

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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— "That is a matter for His Excellency the Governor to decide."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"Will the Government at least say that this Council is not likely to be dissolved within a certain period and be pleased to specify that period?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— "It is not for the Government to say anything of that kind."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI:—"May I know whether this Government does not advise His Excellency in regard to the next elections?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— "It will be considered when the occasion arises."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know whether the Government has already given any such advice to His Excellency?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— "No, Sir; it is a matter entirely left to His Excellency."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI:—"May I know when the Government proposes to give its adivce to His Excellency?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— "When His Excellency asks for it."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Public Health

Alleged suicide by a patient in Nellore hospital.

385 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that during the latter part of 1928, a patient in the Headquarter Hospital, Nellore, committed suicide;

(b) if so, under what circumstances the suicide was committed, and who is responsible for allowing him to do so; and

(c) what action was taken by the District Medical Officer in the matter?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) A report[a] on the subject received from the Surgeon-General is laid on the table.

Jails

Allowances to sub-assistant surgeons on jail duty.

386 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government granted any allowances to sub-assistant surgeons on jail duty as recommended by the Indian Jails Committee (1919-20);

(b) if so, for what period;

(c) whether the sub-assistant surgeons were given rent-free quarters to facilitate their attendance to their duties in jails and for what period;

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 771 infra.